

State of Mississippi

Mississippi Department of Agriculture and Commerce

Agriculture Fact Sheet Pecans 2014



- \$1.42 million value of production in 2014 in Mississippi.
 - Mississippi's pecan farmers produced 1,000,000 pounds in 2014.
 - Mississippi contains between 14,000 and 16,000 acres of pecan orchards and thousands of yard trees.
 - Orchards range in size from 25 to 500 acres.
 - Mississippi's average annual production is 6.5 million pounds.
 - Mississippi ranks #7 in the United States in pecan production.
 - The pecan is a valuable source of protein and is rich in vitamins and minerals including iron, calcium, potassium, phosphorus and the B vitamins. Pecans also provide fiber that is important to the diet.
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- Pecans are long lasting and when properly stored, hold their freshness for up to two years. Store unshelled pecans in a cool, dry place.
 - A survey among nationwide consumers showed that the majority preferred nuts with rich, full flavor. Pecans are ready to use in their natural state.
 - The pecan has a higher nutritional value per edible pound than wheat flour without the excess starch and waste materials found in the latter.
 - Standards for purchased pecans:
 - Purchase unshelled pecans that are uniform in color, shape and size.
 - Watch for cracks or insect holes as they denote an inferior nut.

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